

## MDPB Minutes June 19, 2002

Members present:, J. Burton, S. Diaz, K. Kendall, D. Stuchiner, P. Liebow, E. Smith, B. Callamore

MEMS Staff: J. Bradshaw

Regional Coordinators: J. LeBrun, Bill Zito, Rick Petrie, B. Dunwoody, Dan Paladino, Jeff Regis

Guests: P. Marcolini, N. Dinerman, T Judge

Item	Discussion	Action	Follow-up
Previous minutes: 03/20/02	none	Adopted	None.
<b><u>Old Business</u></b>			
1. Spinal Assessment	Discussion addressing data from the state of Michigan, first author RM Domier – Mich has been doing program similar to new Maine Program – abstract data for 4 years of practice and 12,000 patients appears to support program. Further discussion of QI project.	Burton will circulate QI database program to regions. The QI form should be part of the region QI program, and as such should be required of providers in each region.	Burton to circulate database program to regions.  A letter to direct providers and services may be required to emphasize Qi program.
2. Protocol misprints in new book.	Bradshaw and Burton have been compiling the list of misprints in the new protocol book. A letter has been circulated addressing many of these issues.	None	Further misprints and errors will be tracked and notices dissiminated as appropriate by Maine EMS.
3. Epi pen legislation.	The Maine legislature has passed a law requiring the MDPB to examine this issue. This must be undertaken during the next legislative year.	A number of the elements required for a comprehensive MDPB report are presently in place. There is also a fund in place to cover costs of drug- this is a private fund that has been proposed to be moved to Maine EMS.	September agenda item. Bradshaw and Burton will discuss separately.
4. Aeromedical Activation	Representatives from Lifeflight of Maine (LOM) and regions met with Bradshaw and Burton in separate sessions. Factors identified by regions include: training coordination for providers, proper identification and triage of trauma patients, and information sharing between	Some form of “on scene” activation currently exists in 4 of the 6 regions. The remaining regions have concerns that will require further discussion between the parties. Threrefore, the group has collectively agreed to continue the regional oversight/approval process with	None.

<p>5. Benzodiazepine availability</p>	<p>aeromedical services and regional offices for QI purposes.</p> <p>Shortages of diazepam have prompted interim solutions for lorazepam substitution. Lorazepam is not viewed as long term solution due to refrigeration concerns. Diazepam shortage future and frequency is unknown at this time. Midazolam has a number of concerns, including cost that appear as initial barriers.</p>	<p>regard to scene aeromedical activation.</p> <p>MDPB will continue to follow this element and address shortage issues as they arise. If a long term issue arises, a long term substitution policy will be created.</p>	<p>None.</p>
<p><b><u>New Business</u></b></p> <p>1. Device approval for combitube and LMA.</p> <p>2. Enhanced EMT-I And naloxone.</p>	<p>As a followup to the cric study, alternative airway devices are viewed as timely for Maine EMS. Specific devices include combitubes and LMA's. General agreement from group to adopt plan to integrate one or both devices in the next work session year.</p> <p>Proposal to include naloxone in approved EMT-I medication list. As with other medications, this would require online medical control oversight. Burton presented AG data re: narcotic use and abuse in Maine, trends in last 4 years. MMC has investigation underway in Maine EMS data. State is investigating Med Examiner cases this summer. Indian township and MEDCU requests reviewed.</p>	<p>Burton, Diaz, Kendall among interested parties. This group will review and advise MDPB on suggested action plan.</p> <p>Motion, Smith: include naloxone in EMT-I list and integrate to yellow 5 and other naloxone protocols with online medical control requirement. Discussion including emt-I medication trends, diluting paramedic value, training modules for naloxone – size and scope, administration routes: IV/ET/IM. Second: diaz. Vote: 1 Abstention, 6 in favor (ettinger in absentia – submitted vote prior to meeting), 1 against.</p>	<p><u>Agenda Item for September</u></p> <p>Burton and Bradshaw will begin work on education elements immediately.</p>

<b><u>Other Business</u></b>			
None			
Next meeting 09/18/2002 (0930 - 1230)			

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